

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Tuesday 8:30 A.M.

May 30, 2006

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Casperson requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representative Baxter.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Baxter.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to approve the minutes of the **April 27, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid SB 971 and SB 972 before the committee.

SB 971	Brown	Recreation; state parks; sale of state park land; require review and recommendation of the citizens committee for Michigan state parks.
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SB 972	Birkholz	Recreation; state parks; surplus lands; prohibit land within state parks from being designated surplus.
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Jeannne Laimon, Legislative Director for Senator Brown's Office, and Bob Wilson, representing the Senate Republican Policy Office, explained the changes made in the proposed substitute **(H-3) for SB 971**. Questions and discussion followed.

LuAnne Kozma, representing the Defense of Place, testified on **SB 971 and SB 972**. Ms.

Kozma submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club of Michigan, submitted a testimony card indicating **support of Substitute H-3 for SB 971**, but did not wish to speak.

Dr. Randolph G. Ston, representing Save Our State Lands, testified in **opposition to SB 971 and SB 972** as written. Dr. Ston also submitted written testimony.* Questions and discussion followed.

Ellen Smith and James Meenahan, representing Save Our State Lands, testified in **support of SB 971 and SB 972** with amendments. Ms. Smith and Mr. Meenahan submitted written material.* Questions and discussion followed.

David Swan, representing the Concerned Citizens for Saugatuck Dunes State Park, submitted written material indicating **support for SB 971 and SB 972**.*

Kate Madigan, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, submitted a testimony card indicating **support for SB 971 (H-3) and SB 972**, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair placed the committee at ease at 9:00 a.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:02 a.m.

Representative Nitz moved, supported by **Representative Hildenbrand**, to adopt substitute **(H-3) for SB 971**.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

Representative Nitz moved, supported by **Representative Garfield**, to report out **SB 971** as substitute **(H-3)** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 971 reported out as substitute (H-3) with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza moved, supported by **Representative Nitz**, to report **SB 972** with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a **vote of 10-0-0**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Rocca, McDowell, Sheltrown, Gillard and Espinoza,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

SB 972 reported out with recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:10 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
May 30, 2006
40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed material submitted.